

THE PROGENITOR DEPENDENCE OF THE PREEXPLOSION NEUTRINO EMISSION IN CORE-COLLAPSE SUPERNOVAE

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ABSTRACT

We perform spherically-symmetric general-relativistic simulations of core collapse and the postbounce pre-explosion phase in 32 presupernova stellar models of solar metallicity with zero-age-main-sequence masses of $12M_{\odot}$ to $120M_{\odot}$. Using energy-dependent three-species neutrino transport in the two-moment approximation with an analytic closure, we show that the emitted neutrino luminosities and spectra follow very systematic trends that are correlated with the compactness ($\sim M/R$) of the progenitor star's inner regions via the accretion rate in the preexplosion phase. We find that these qualitative trends depend only weakly on the nuclear equation of state, but quantitative observational statements will require independent constraints on the equation of state and the rotation rate of the core as well as a more complete understanding of neutrino oscillations. We investigate the simulated response of water Cherenkov detectors to the electron antineutrino fluxes from our models and find that the large statistics of a galactic core collapse event may allow robust conclusions on the inner structure of the progenitor star.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The radial instability of the electron-degenerate, Chandrasekhar-mass core marks the beginning of the final episode in the life of a massive star with zero-age main-sequence (ZAMS) mass in the range $\sim 8M_{\odot} - 130M_{\odot}$. Collapse ensues and, once fully dynamical, separates the core into a subsonically homologously contracting inner core and a supersonically collapsing outer core. At nuclear density, the repulsive component of the nuclear force leads to a stiffening of the equation of state (EOS). This stabilizes the inner core, which overshoots its new equilibrium, then rebounds into the outer core, launching a strong hydrodynamic shock wave from its edge. This instant in time is referred to as *core bounce*. The inner core has a mass of $\sim 0.5M_{\odot}$ at bounce and this material becomes the unshocked core of the protoneutron star. The shock formed at core bounce propagates into the outer core, but dissociation of accreting nuclei into neutrons and protons and electron capture on free protons in the region behind the shock (the *postshock* region) soon sap its might, driving it into submission to the ram pressure of accretion. The shock stalls and turns into a standing accretion shock that must be revived to unbind the stellar envelope and drive a core-collapse supernova explosion.

Neutrinos play a pivotal and dominant role in stellar collapse and core-collapse supernovae. Neutrinos and antineutrinos of all flavors carry away the $\sim 300\text{B}$ ($= 3 \times 10^{53}$ ergs) of gravitational binding energy of the remnant neutron star over tens of seconds after core bounce. Aided by multi-dimensional fluid instabilities, they probably deposit, within a few hundred milliseconds after bounce, sufficient energy in

the region behind the stalled shock to revive the shock and make typical $\sim 1\text{B}$ core-collapse supernova explosion (Janka et al. 2007; Müller et al. 2012 and references therein). Only hyper-energetic (i.e., $\mathcal{O}(10)\text{B}$) explosions may require a different mechanism (Ugliano et al. 2012), e.g., rapid rotation combined with strong magnetic fields, which may lead to energetic jet-driven explosions (e.g., Burrows et al. 2007).

For a galactic or near-extragalactic core-collapse supernova, neutrinos offer the unique possibility of directly observing the dynamics and thermodynamic conditions prevalent in the supernova core. Together with gravitational waves (see, e.g., Ott 2009; Kotake 2011) they will herald the next nearby supernova possibly hours before any telescope sensitive to electromagnetic waves will notice the event. In the probable case that the next galactic supernova occurs in a dust-enshrouded region and/or close or behind the galactic center, the supernova may be impossible to observe in broad bands of the electromagnetic spectrum, making neutrino and gravitational-wave observations even more important.

The observation of neutrinos from SN 1987A in the Large Magellanic Cloud (Hirata et al. 1987; Bionta et al. 1987; Alekseev et al. 1987) confirmed the basic picture of core collapse and early protoneutron star evolution (e.g., Sato & Suzuki 1987; Bruenn 1987; Burrows & Lattimer 1986; Burrows 1987, 1988; Arnett et al. 1989; Jegerlehner et al. 1996; Loredó & Lamb 2002; Yüksel & Beacom 2007; Pagliaroli et al. 2009b and references therein), but the small number and poor timing of the observed events did not allow far-reaching and robust conclusions on core-collapse supernova dynamics and the involved neutrino physics, nuclear physics and astrophysics.

The situation will be completely different when the neutrino burst from a galactic core-collapse supernova reaches current and near-future neutrino detectors on Earth. Super-Kamiokande (Fukuda et al. 2003; Ikeda et al.

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[Super-Kamiokande Collaboration] 2007), IceCube (Abasi et al. [IceCube Collaboration] 2011), LVD (Aglietta et al. 1992; Vigorito [LVD Collaboration] 2011), Borexino (Alimonti et al. [BOREXINO Collaboration] 2009; Cado-nati et al. 2002), KamLAND (Piepke 2001), SNO+ (Kraus & Peeters 2010), Nova (Davies, [for the NO ν A Collabo-ration] 2011) and others will together see many thousands of neutrinos from a core collapse event at 10kpc (Scholberg 2012). Distance estimates based on the observed neutrino flux (Kachelrieß et al. 2005), sky localization (Beacom & Vogel 1999; Tomas et al. 2003), and triggering of gravitational-wave searches by the reconstruction of the time of core bounce (Pagliaroli et al. 2009a; Halzen & Raffelt 2009) will likely all be possible.

Well-timed high-statistics coincident neutrino observations will allow to probe in detail a broad range of supernova astro-physics, nuclear physics, and neutrino physics (see Burrows et al. 1992; Wurm et al. 2012; Raffelt 2010 for overviews). Fast characteristic temporal variations in the preexplosion neutrino fluxes would be tell-tale signs of multi-dimensional fluid instabilities in the postshock region (Ott et al. 2008; Marek et al. 2009; Lund et al. 2010; Brandt et al. 2011) and/or early postbounce ring-down oscillations of a rapidly spinning protoneutron star (Ott et al. 2012). A sudden deep drop of the accretion-driven component of the neutrino luminosity (primarily in ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$) within a few hundred mil-liseconds would indicate the onset of explosion (e.g., Burrows et al. 1992; Hübepohl et al. 2010; Fischer et al. 2012, 2010) and an abrupt cut-off of the entire neutrino flux within sec-onds of its onset would indicate the formation of a black hole (Burrows 1986, 1988; Beacom et al. 2001; Liebendörfer et al. 2003, 2004; Sumiyoshi et al. 2006; Fischer et al. 2009). The spectral characteristics and long-term spectral evolution of the neutrino flux could provide important constraints on the nu-clear EOS (Roberts et al. 2012; Marek et al. 2009) and/or the spin of the progenitor core (Ott et al. 2008; Marek & Janka 2009). The ability of some detectors to distinguish interac-tions of different neutrino flavors would lead to constraints on the neutron-to-proton ratio in the neutrino-driven wind phase, allowing an observational test of core-collapse supernovae as potential sites for r -process nucleosynthesis (Hübepohl et al. 2010; Fischer et al. 2010; Wurm et al. 2012).

The neutrino signature of core collapse, of the subsequent core-collapse supernova evolution and of the protoneutron star cooling phase, is invariably intertwined with neutrino os-cillation physics. The robustness of all of the above men-tioned observational conclusions will depend on our under-standing of the impact of neutrino flavor oscillations. Neutrinos propagating from their emission site to detectors on Earth may experience (i) so-called vacuum oscillations driven by neutrino mass differences (Pontecorvo 1968), (ii) oscillations mediated by a resonance in ν - e^- scattering (the Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein [MSW] effect; Mikheev & Smirnov 1985; Wolfenstein 1978), and (iii) oscillations due to ν - ν scattering (Pantaleone 1992; see Duan et al. 2010 for a re-view). Vacuum and MSW oscillations are well understood and their outcomes depend essentially only on neutrino mix-ing parameters, in particular the neutrino mass hierarchy and the mixing angles. The ν - ν -scattering driven oscillations, on the other hand, have a non-linear Hamiltonian that may lead to so-called collective oscillations with very complex spatial and temporal outcome that remains to be fully understood (see, e.g., Hannestad et al. 2006; Duan et al. 2007; Fogli et al.

2009; Dasgupta & Dighe 2008; Duan et al. 2010 and refer-ences therein). However, a number of recent studies suggest that collective oscillations may be completely or at least par-tially suppressed in the preexplosion accretion phase of or-dinary core-collapse supernovae (Chakraborty et al. 2011b,a; Sarikas et al. 2012), but see Cherry et al. (2012) and Dasgupta et al. (2012) for discrepant results.

Provided that collective oscillations can be ignored in the preexplosion phase and that the θ_{13} mixing angle indeed has the large value suggested by recent measurements (An et al. 2012), the neutrino mass hierarchy may be inferred from the qualitative shape of the early postbounce neutrino signal (Kachelrieß et al. 2005; Serpico et al. 2012).

A preexplosion accretion phase with suppressed collective oscillations would also offer the opportunity to probe the structure of the progenitor star on the basis of the observed neutrino signal. The details of the preexplosion neutrino emis-sion have been discussed carefully, e.g., by Thompson et al. (2003) and Liebendörfer et al. (2004) and we shall not repeat them here. It is, however, necessary to outline its most salient features. For simplicity, we neglect neutrino oscillations in the following.

In core collapse and in the subsequent postbounce evolu-tion, emission of ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ occurs via charged and neutral currents, while heavy-lepton neutrinos $\nu_x = \{\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau\}$ are created exclusively via thermal neutral-current pair pro-cesses. Before core bounce, only ν_e are emitted from elec-tron capture in the collapsing core. Milliseconds after core bounce, the shock breaks out of the ν_e neutrinosphere (where the optical depth is $\tau_{\nu_e} \approx 2/3$) and a strong burst of ν_e is emitted for ~ 20 ms from rapid electron capture on the freshly abundant free protons behind the shock. ν_x are copiously cre-ated in the hot interior of the protoneutron star after bounce and begin to diffuse out, leading to a steep rise, quick lev-eling and subsequent slow decay of the ν_x luminosity (L_{ν_x}). $\bar{\nu}_e$ production via charged-current positron capture is initially suppressed due to the high degeneracy of the electrons. The latter is partially lifted after bounce at the moderate-density, hot edge of the protoneutron star and $L_{\bar{\nu}_e}$ rises, reaching or surpassing the value at which L_{ν_e} levels off after the neutron-ization burst decays. The subsequent preexplosion luminosity can roughly be split into a diffusive component from the core and accretion luminosity ($\propto GM[R_\nu]M/R_\nu$, where R_ν is an approximate neutrinosphere radius) from or from above the neutrinosphere (Burrows 1988). L_{ν_x} is primarily diffusive, while L_{ν_e} and $L_{\bar{\nu}_e}$ are dominated by accretion. In general, $L_{\nu_e} \approx L_{\bar{\nu}_e} > L_{\nu_x}$, but $4L_{\nu_x} = L_{\nu_\mu} + L_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} + L_{\nu_\tau} + L_{\bar{\nu}_\tau} > L_{\nu_e} + L_{\bar{\nu}_e}$. ν_x have the lowest opacity, since they interact only via neutral currents. They decouple from matter at the smallest radii and highest temperatures and thus have the highest average ener-gies (ϵ_{ν_x}). $\bar{\nu}_e$ have a slightly lower opacity than ν_e , leading to the well established neutrino energy hierarchy in the preex-plosion phase ($\epsilon_{\nu_x} > \epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} > \epsilon_{\nu_e}$). The mean energy of all species grows with increasing postbounce time, reflecting the recession of the neutrinospheres due to the contraction of the protoneutron star.

Considering that the accretion luminosity will scale with the postbounce accretion rate \dot{M} , one would naturally expect an increase of the detected neutrino events with increasing mass of the stellar core. Since higher accretion rates corre-spond to more material compressing and settling more rapidly on the protoneutron star, the latter's outer regions will be hot-

ter. Thus the thermal neutral-current emission will be enhanced, leading to higher luminosities and higher mean neutrino energies.

The variation of the preexplosion neutrino signal with progenitor star ZAMS mass was first discussed by Woosley et al. (1986) based on the pioneering simulations of Wilson (1985) and Wilson et al. (1986). These authors provided total emission characteristics and spectra that show a systematic increase of total energy emitted in neutrinos and mean $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy with ZAMS mass in the range from $10\text{--}25 M_\odot$. Mayle et al. (1987), before SN 1987A, carried out simulations of a range of progenitor stars with ZAMS mass in the range $12\text{--}100 M_\odot$. They found that the ν_e neutronization burst shows little dependence on the progenitor, due to the rather universal homologous collapse and bounce dynamics. Furthermore, they mentioned, though did not discuss in detail, that the luminosities and mean neutrino energies increase as a function of iron core mass (and not ZAMS mass). A more detailed and clear physical discussion was provided by Bruenn (1987), who contrasted the predicted neutrino signal from the early postbounce phase in two different progenitor core models with neutrino observations of SN 1987A. He noted that there are significant uncertainties in connecting a given ZAMS mass to precollapse structure. Instead of a progenitor with an associated ZAMS mass, he considered a massive (and high-entropy) $2.05\text{-}M_\odot$ iron core model and a lower-mass (and lower-entropy) $1.35\text{-}M_\odot$ iron core model in his spherically-symmetric (1D) neutrino radiation-hydrodynamic simulations. He showed that the more massive core leads to a consistently higher $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosity in both the accretion and diffusion sectors. The water Cherenkov detectors that observed neutrinos from SN 1987A are most sensitive to the inverse beta decay (IBD) reaction $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$. Bruenn (1987) predicted a factor of two difference in the integrated early IBD events between the massive and the low-mass core in these detectors. He concluded that the neutrino signal observed by these detectors from SN 1987A was most consistent with the low-mass core. Burrows (1988), who carried out a parameter study of quasi-hydrostatic protoneutron star cooling, considering various initial masses, ad-hoc accretion rates, and different nuclear EOS, found a similar trend. He showed that more massive cores, higher accretion rates, and softer EOS lead to stronger, higher-energy neutrino emission. Some of his strongest emitters were cases in which eventually a black hole was formed.

Liebendörfer and collaborators carried out a sequence of studies of the progenitor dependence of the neutrino signal using modern general relativistic 1D radiation-hydrodynamics simulations (Liebendörfer et al. 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004). They showed that the ν_e neutronization burst is indeed almost independent of progenitor structure (as first suggested by Mayle et al. 1987). They also qualitatively and quantitatively connected the evolution of the postbounce preexplosion luminosity to the postbounce accretion rate, but did not discuss observational implications. Their results were corroborated by similarly sophisticated subsequent studies of Kachelrieß et al. (2005); Buras et al. (2006); Fischer et al. (2009); Sumiyoshi et al. (2008); Fischer et al. (2010, 2012); Serpico et al. (2012). Of these, Buras et al. (2006) presented the most comprehensive analysis and also compared between 1D and axisymmetric (2D) results. They found that in 2D, convection in the protoneutron star alters the structure of the latter, affecting the neutrino emission starting ~ 100 ms after bounce, but

preserving the overall systematics with accretion rate. Buras et al. (2006) also were the only authors to suggest that the accretion-rate dependence of luminosity and total emitted energy in the preexplosion phase could be used to infer the structure of the progenitor. The other studies, being focused on aspects such as neutrino oscillations, black hole formation, or the late-time post-explosion evolution, did not consider observational consequences.

Thompson et al. (2003), using a limited set of three progenitor models ($\{11, 15, 20\} M_\odot$ at ZAMS), found similar systematics as the aforementioned studies, but also carried out an analysis of the expected signal in various neutrino detectors in the first 250 ms after bounce. They computed IBD event rates for their $20\text{-}M_\odot$ and $11\text{-}M_\odot$ and found a factor of two more IBD events for the former, which would allow a high-confidence distinction between these progenitors for a galactic core collapse event. However, their $15\text{-}M_\odot$ model yielded a postbounce neutrino signal very similar to that of their $11\text{-}M_\odot$ model and would be indistinguishable by neutrino observations alone. This suggests that ZAMS mass is not a good parameter to describe presupernova stellar structure (cf., Bruenn 1987).

In this article, we present a fresh look at the progenitor dependence of the neutrino signature in the preexplosion accretion phase of core-collapse supernovae. We perform 1D general relativistic radiation-hydrodynamics core collapse simulations of 32 progenitor models from the single-star solar-metallicity presupernova model suite of Woosley & Heger (2007) and follow the postbounce preexplosion evolution for 450 ms. In ZAMS mass, these models range from $12 M_\odot$ to $120 M_\odot$, but guided by the previous results discussed in the above, we choose not to parameterize our simulations by ZAMS mass. Instead we employ the compactness parameter $\xi_M \sim M/R(M)$ (for a relevant mass scale M , measured at the time of bounce). As shown in O'Connor & Ott (2011), ξ_M is the most important stellar structure parameter governing the postbounce accretion evolution to a remnant mass scale M . We demonstrate that the preexplosion neutrino emission is very well parameterized by the compactness. The preexplosion luminosities and mean energies of all neutrino species increase essentially monotonically with increasing ξ_M . We compute predicted integrated IBD events for a galactic core-collapse supernova in the Super-Kamiokande detector and show that the clear systematics governed by ξ_M carries over to observation, even when standard MSW neutrino oscillations are taken into account. Our results thus indicate that – in the absence of complicated collective neutrino oscillations – a high-statistics detection of neutrinos from the preexplosion phase will allow, in principle, a tight constraint of the compactness of the progenitor star’s core. This, however, will require knowledge of the nuclear EOS and of the rotation rate of the collapsed core, since, as we show, both can dilute the otherwise clear compactness-dependent neutrino emission systematics.

This paper is structured as follows. In §2, we discuss our general relativistic hydrodynamics code GR1D and introduce its extension to neutrino radiation-hydrodynamics in the two-moment approximation, nuGR1D. The initial models and the employed EOS are discussed in §3. In §4, we present results from a benchmark collapse and postbounce simulation that allows us to compare with the previously published code comparison of Liebendörfer et al. (2005) to assess nuGR1D’s

ability to reproduce results of full Boltzmann neutrino transport. We present the results of our simulations in §5, analyze the dependence of the neutrino signal on progenitor compactness, discuss predicted IBD signals from a galactic core collapse event in the Super-Kamiokande detector, and explore potential degeneracies introduced by EOS and rotation. Finally, in §6, we critically summarize our work and conclude by contrasting our results with the early neutrino signal observed from SN 1987A.

2. METHODS

We make use of the open-source 1D general relativistic hydrodynamics code GR1D (O'Connor & Ott 2010; available at <http://www.stellarcorecollapse.org>) outfitted with an energy-dependent multi-species M1 neutrino transport scheme in which the zeroth and first moments of the neutrino distribution function are evolved. We refer the reader to O'Connor & Ott (2010) for details on GR1D and describe in the following our current implementation of the transport scheme. For this first application, we neglect the computationally-expensive energy-coupling neutrino interactions and transport terms – these terms are undoubtedly important for making highly accurate predictions of the neutrino signature (see, e.g., Lentz et al. 2012a,b), but are unlikely to affect the general trends we observe. We will address them in future work, but provide a discussion on the consequences of neglecting these terms via a comparison to full Boltzmann neutrino transport simulations in §4.

Our M1 scheme closely follows Shibata et al. (2011), who formulate the M1 evolution equations in a closed covariant form. The scheme is simplified greatly by neglecting the energy-coupling terms. This further requires that the velocity dependent terms are also ignored. In this limit, and using the Schwarzschild-like metric and radial-polar slicing of GR1D and setting $G = c = M_\odot = 1$, the evolution equations for the neutrino energy density, $E_{(\nu)}$, and the neutrino flux vector, $F_{r,(\nu)}$, simplify from Equations 3.37 and 3.38 of Shibata et al. (2011) to

$$\partial_t E_{(\nu)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r \left(\frac{\alpha r^2}{X^2} F_{r,(\nu)} \right) = \alpha^2 S'_{(\nu)}, \quad (1)$$

and

$$\partial_t F_{r,(\nu)} + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r \left(\frac{\alpha r^2}{X^2} P_{rr,(\nu)} \right) = \alpha X^2 S^r_{(\nu)} + \alpha \frac{E_{(\nu)}(1 - p_{(\nu)})}{r}, \quad (2)$$

where S^α is the neutrino interaction source term (see below), α is the lapse function and $X = (1 - 2M(r)/r)^{-1/2}$. $P_{rr,(\nu)}$ is the neutrino pressure tensor and is taken to be an interpolation between the two limiting cases of free streaming and diffusion. We follow Shibata et al. (2011), who express $P_{ii,(\nu)}$ as

$$P_{ii,(\nu)} = \frac{3p_{(\nu)} - 1}{2} P_{ii,(\nu),\text{thin}} + \frac{3(1 - p_{(\nu)})}{2} P_{ii,(\nu),\text{thick}}, \quad (3)$$

where $p_{(\nu)}$ is the Eddington factor, taken here to be the maximum entropy closure in a closed, analytic form (Minerbo 1978; Cernohorsky & Bludman 1994),

$$p_{(\nu)} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{f_{(\nu)}^2}{15} (6 - 2f_{(\nu)} + 6f_{(\nu)}^2). \quad (4)$$

In the no-velocity limit for GR1D, $f_{(\nu)} = |F_{r,(\nu)}|/(E_{(\nu)}X)$. The free streaming and diffusion limits of the neutrino pressure

tensor are $P_{rr,(\nu),\text{thin}} = E_{(\nu)}X^2$ and $P_{ii,(\nu),\text{thick}} = g_{ii}E_{(\nu)}/3$, respectively.

We set out to solve the system of equations via standard hyperbolic methods borrowed from conservative hydrodynamic schemes (Pons et al. 2000). Transport variables live at cell centers and we employ piece-wise linear reconstruction to cell interfaces with van Leer's limiter (van Leer 1977) and the HLLE approximate Riemann solver (Einfeldt 1988) for calculating the intercell fluxes. A complication arises when solving the neutrino moment equations in the high-opacity limit. In this case, the standard fluxes returned from the Riemann solver are dominated by a numerical diffusion term. We follow Audit et al. (2002) and modify the fluxes to correct for this. Essentially, the modified fluxes return the diffusion-limit flux in the high opacity limit. The modified form of the neutrino energy density flux through the $i + 1/2$ interface is given by

$$F_{r,(\nu)}^{i+1/2} = \frac{\tilde{a}^+ F_{r,(\nu)}^{i,R} - \tilde{a}^- F_{r,(\nu)}^{i+1,L} + \epsilon_{(\nu)} \tilde{a}^+ \tilde{a}^- (E_{(\nu)}^{i+1,L} - E_{(\nu)}^{i,R})}{\tilde{a}^+ - \tilde{a}^-}. \quad (5)$$

The corresponding modified interface flux for the neutrino flux evolution equation is,

$$P_{rr,(\nu)}^{i+1/2} = \epsilon_{(\nu)} \tilde{P}_{rr,(\nu)}^{i+1/2} + (1 - \epsilon_{(\nu)}^2) (P_{(\nu)}^{i+1,L} + P_{(\nu)}^{i,R})/2, \quad (6)$$

with

$$\tilde{P}_{rr,(\nu)}^{i+1/2} = \frac{\epsilon_{(\nu)} (\tilde{a}^+ P_{rr,(\nu)}^{i,R} - \tilde{a}^- P_{rr,(\nu)}^{i+1,L}) + \tilde{a}^+ \tilde{a}^- (F_{(\nu)}^{i+1,L} - F_{(\nu)}^{i,R})}{\tilde{a}^+ - \tilde{a}^-}. \quad (7)$$

In these equations, $\epsilon_{(\nu)}$ controls the modification to the fluxes to account for the high opacity. Following Audit et al. (2002), we take

$$\epsilon_{(\nu)} = \min \left(1, \frac{1}{\kappa_{(\nu)} \Delta r} \right), \quad (8)$$

where $\kappa_{(\nu)}$ is the sum of the scattering and absorptive opacities. These opacities are strong functions of energy and are also species dependent. We note that when $\epsilon_{(\nu)}$ is 1, the intercell fluxes reduce to the standard HLLE approximation. The characteristic speeds needed for the HLLE scheme are calculated in the same spirit as the neutrino pressure tensor (Shibata et al. 2011; Kuroda et al. 2012),

$$\lambda_{(\nu)} = \frac{3p_{(\nu)} - 1}{2} \lambda_{(\nu),\text{thin}} + \frac{3(1 - p_{(\nu)})}{2} \lambda_{(\nu),\text{thick}}, \quad (9)$$

where in the zero velocity limit, $\lambda_{(\nu),\text{thin}} = \pm \alpha/X$ and $\lambda_{(\nu),\text{thick}} = \pm \alpha/(\sqrt{3}X)$. \tilde{a}^+ and \tilde{a}^- are the maximum and minimum values, respectively, of these characteristic speeds evaluated from both the right and left reconstructed variables.

Finally, the source terms in Equations 1 and 2 are taken from Shibata et al. (2011). In the zero velocity limit,

$$S^t = (\eta_{(\nu)} - \kappa_{a,(\nu)} E_{(\nu)})/\alpha, \quad (10)$$

$$S^r = -(\kappa_{a,(\nu)} + \kappa_{s,(\nu)}) F_{r,(\nu)}/X^2, \quad (11)$$

where $\eta_{(\nu)}$, $\kappa_{a,(\nu)}$, and $\kappa_{s,(\nu)}$ are the neutrino emissivity, neutrino absorption opacity, and the neutrino scattering opacity, respectively. We precompute the neutrino interaction terms for each neutrinos species (we treat ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ and $\nu_x = \{\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau\}$) and neutrino energy group in dense tabular form as a function of density ρ , temperature T , and electron

fraction Y_e . We then use linear interpolation for efficient on-the-fly interpolation. We include all standard iso-energetic scattering processes, charged-current absorption and emission, and thermal pair-production processes (Burrows et al. 2006; Bruenn 1985) in the calculation of the neutrino interaction terms. Since the neutrino-matter interactions for heavy-lepton neutrinos and antineutrinos are slightly different, NuLib averages the two values of the emissivities and opacities. Our library of neutrino interaction routines (which we call NuLib) is open source and available as a GitHub repository at <http://www.nulib.org>. NuLib requires an EOS for the evaluation of the emissivities and opacities. Our treatment of thermal pair processes in GR1D warrants some comments. Since we do not currently consider energy (or species) coupling for thermal emission processes such as electron-positron annihilation to a neutrino-antineutrino pair, we compute an emissivity based on the thermal content of the matter ignoring any final state neutrino blocking. We limit the neutrino energy density to the blackbody occupation density by using Kirchhoff’s law to determine an effective opacity for neutrino-antineutrino annihilation from the thermal emissivity. As we shall see, this method performs well at predicting the thermal neutrino flux of the heavy-lepton neutrinos during the preexplosion phase.

In nuGR1D, we first update the hydrodynamic variables to the $n+1$ -th timestep. We then compute the neutrino opacities and emissivities associated with the updated hydrodynamic variables. We update the radiation field operator-split. The flux term is solved explicitly, using the radiation moments of the n -th timestep. We calculate the neutrino-matter interaction terms using the $n+1$ radiation moments via a local implicit update. With the $n+1$ radiation energy density source term, we then update the energy density and electron fraction of the matter. We use 24 energy groups, with lowest-energy group centers at 0.5 MeV and 1.5 MeV, and then spaced logarithmically up to 200 MeV for ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ and ν_x . We note that for the highest energy bins it occasionally occurs that the evolved neutrino flux vector exceeds the evolved neutrino energy density. This tends to occur in the most dynamic phases of our simulations and where the opacities vary significantly from one zone to the next. When this is the case we limit the neutrino flux to the neutrino energy density.

3. INITIAL MODELS AND EQUATIONS OF STATE

We employ the most recent non-rotating solar-metallicity single-star model set from the stellar evolution code KEPLER (Woosley & Heger 2007). This model set contains the presupernova configuration of 32 stars ranging in ZAMS mass from $12 M_\odot$ to $120 M_\odot$. We denote individual models by $sXXWH07$, where XX corresponds to the integer ZAMS mass of the model, e.g., $s12WH07$ is the $12 M_\odot$ model of this model set. In O’Connor & Ott (2011), we investigated this and other model sets in the context of black hole formation. Under the assumption of a failed core-collapse supernova, we found a strong empirical relation between the properties of the presupernova structure and the evolution of the failing supernova, e.g., the time to black hole formation. This led to a clear prediction: If we observe black hole formation in a failed core-collapse supernova via neutrinos, the lifetime of the protoneutron star (and thus of the neutrino signal) relays direct information about the presupernova structure. However, such a prediction, (i) requires a failed supernova, which may not be the norm, and (ii) has a strong dependence on the

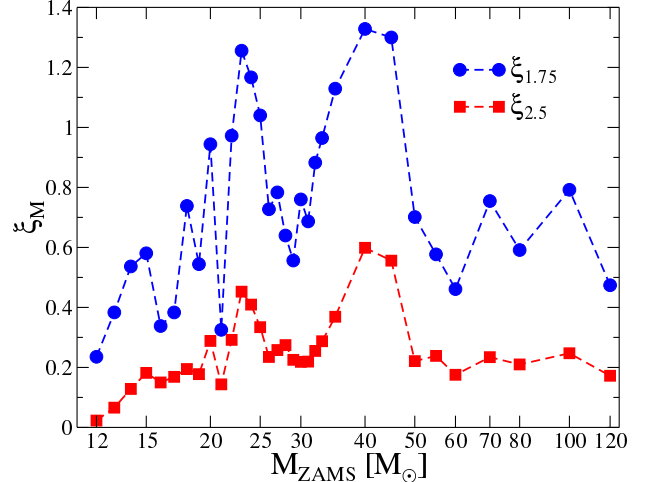


FIG. 1.— Compactness parameters for the 32 considered presupernova models of Woosley & Heger (2007) versus ZAMS mass as evaluated from collapse simulations with the LS220 EOS. We show both $\xi_{1.75}$ and $\xi_{2.5}$. The mapping between ZAMS mass and precollapse structure is highly non-monotonic, making the former an ill-suited parameter for describing progenitor structure in core collapse simulations.

nuclear equation of state. The empirical parameter introduced in O’Connor & Ott (2011) is the compactness of the progenitor, measured at the time of core bounce. It is an inverse measure of the radial extent of a given mass coordinate at the time of bounce,

$$\xi_M = \frac{M/M_\odot}{R(M_{\text{bary}} = M)/1000 \text{ km}} \Big|_{t=t_{\text{bounce}}}, \quad (12)$$

where $R(M_{\text{bary}} = M)$ is the radial coordinate that encloses a baryonic mass of M at the time of core bounce. In O’Connor & Ott (2011), we chose $M = 2.5 M_\odot$, since this is the relevant mass scale for black hole formation, i.e., a typical maximum baryonic mass at which a range of EOS can no longer support a neutron star against gravity. In this study, we primarily use $\xi_{1.75}$. The motivation for this is that during the postbounce preexplosion phase, the relevant mass scale, especially for models with relatively small compactness, is much less than $2.5 M_\odot$. In this study, we choose $1.75 M_\odot$ because this is close to the average baryonic mass inside the shock at 200–300 ms after bounce for all models: in the two extreme models that span the space in compactness parameter (model $s12WH07$, [$\xi_{1.75} = 0.24$ and $\xi_{2.5} = 0.022$], on the lower end; model $s40WH07$ [$\xi_{1.75} = 1.33$ and $\xi_{2.5} = 0.59$] on the upper end), the baryonic mass accreted through the shock at 250 ms after bounce is $1.45 M$ and $2.05 M$, respectively. We further justify our motivation of using $\xi_{1.75}$ over $\xi_{2.5}$ in §5.1. In Fig. 1, we plot both $\xi_{1.75}$ and $\xi_{2.5}$ versus ZAMS mass for all 32 considered models. $\xi_{1.75}$ is provided in Table 1 for all models.

For Fig. 1, one notes that while $\xi_{1.75}$ and $\xi_{2.5}$ differ quantitatively, there is no significant qualitative difference between them. The overall trends transcending individual models remain, including the two regions of high compactness near $22\text{--}25 M_\odot$ and $35\text{--}45 M_\odot$. $\xi_{1.75}$ simply provides a more fine-grained parameterization at the lower mass scale relevant in the first few hundred milliseconds after bounce. Note, however, that there are a few models that have similar $\xi_{2.5}$, but rather different density structure at small enclosed masses and radii and, hence, a different $\xi_{1.75}$. Models $s14WH07$ and $s16WH07$ are examples.

In this study we perform core collapse simulations with

each progenitor and two EOS. We use the EOS of Lattimer & Swesty (1991) with a nuclear incompressibility of 220 MeV. The LS220 EOS is based on a compressible liquid-drop model of the nucleus. Of the publicly available nuclear EOS, the LS220 EOS best matches the constraints from nuclear theory and astrophysical observations (see Fig. 1 of Ott et al. 2011 and Demorest et al. 2010; Hebeler et al. 2010; Steiner et al. 2010; Özel et al. 2010). We also employ the relativistic mean field EOS of Shen et al. (2011) that is based on the TM1 parameter set. It is very different from the LS220 EOS. The maximum neutrino-less β -equilibrium cold neutron star gravitational masses are $2.04 M_\odot$ and $2.24 M_\odot$ for the LS220 and HShen EOS, respectively. The radius of a neutrino-less β -equilibrium cold neutron star with a gravitational mass of $1.4 M_\odot$ using the LS220 EOS is 12.7 km. For the HShen EOS, the corresponding radius is 14.6 km. For details on our particular implementation and the treatment of the low-density EOS, we refer the reader to O'Connor & Ott (2010, 2011). The EOS tables, reader and interpolation routines are available from <http://www.stellarcollapse.org>.

4. COMPARISON OF NUGR1D TO BOLTZMANN TRANSPORT

Since our implementation of neutrino transport is new and approximate, a comparison with published results of full Boltzmann neutrino transport is warranted. This will allow us to test the ability of our code to reproduce the neutrino luminosities and spectral properties in the preexplosion phase.

We compare nuGR1D with the results of Liebendörfer et al. (2005), a comparison study between two Boltzmann neutrino transport codes⁴. The two codes, *Agile-BOLTZTRAN* (Liebendörfer et al. 2004), and *VERTEX* (Rampp & Janka 2002), approach the neutrino transport problem in very different ways. Their results compare very well in the Newtonian limit, but show significant quantitative differences in the general relativistic case. Subsequent modifications to the approximate general relativistic potential used in *VERTEX* (Marek et al. 2005) have since removed many of the quantitative differences between the codes. The general relativistic test case of Liebendörfer et al. (2005) was the collapse and early postbounce evolution of a $15-M_\odot$ (at ZAMS) solar-metallicity progenitor of Woosley & Weaver (1995), referred to as model *s15WW95* in the following. They employed the LS180 EOS (Lattimer & Swesty 1991) and a baseline set of neutrino-matter interactions, including coupling of energy groups via inelastic scattering processes (Bruenn 1985; Liebendörfer et al. 2005). We repeat their test here, using the same initial conditions and EOS, with our current approximations and compare the neutrino observables. We emphasize again that the current version of nuGR1D lacks inelastic neutrino-electron scattering and velocity dependent transport terms. Both are included in the simulations of Liebendörfer et al. (2005). Our transport scheme evolves only the zeroth and first moment of the neutrino distribution function, using an analytic closure to truncate the series of moment equations, whereas Liebendörfer et al. (2005) solve the full Boltzmann equation for neutrino transport.

In Fig. 2, we show the luminosities (top panels) and root mean squared energies (bottom panels) of three neutrino

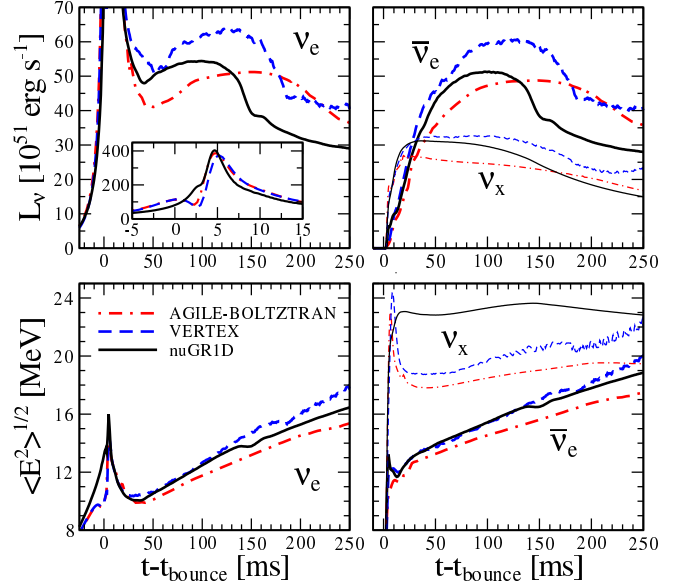


FIG. 2.— Neutrino luminosities and root mean squared energies plotted as a function of postbounce time for the *s15WW95* progenitor. These luminosities (top panels) and energies (bottom panels) correspond to the comparison study of Liebendörfer et al. (2005). The left panels contain results for ν_e , the right panels show $\bar{\nu}_e$ (thick lines) and ν_μ (thin lines) results. The inset plot in the upper left panel shows the ν_e luminosity around core bounce. Shown in solid black lines are luminosities and root mean squared energies obtained with nuGR1D. The blue dashed lines and red dashed-dotted lines are the results from Liebendörfer et al. (2005) using the *VERTEX* code (Rampp & Janka 2002) and *Agile-BOLTZTRAN* code (Liebendörfer et al. 2004), respectively. A detailed discussion of the differences is provided in the text.

species: ν_e (left panels), and $\bar{\nu}_e$ and ν_μ (right panels). Both the luminosity and root mean squared energies are defined in Liebendörfer et al. (2005), Section 4. The black solid lines are the results obtained with nuGR1D, the red dashed-dotted lines are the predictions of *Agile-BOLTZTRAN*, and the blue dashed lines are the *VERTEX* results. Overall, the agreement is good, however there are several systematic differences:

(i) The magnitudes of the ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosities in the early postbounce phase predicted by nuGR1D agree well with the *Agile-BOLTZTRAN* results but they are systematically lower than the *VERTEX* results. This discrepancy, which also exists between *VERTEX* and the *Agile-BOLTZTRAN*, has been further investigated in Marek et al. (2005) and has since been resolved. The updated *VERTEX* code employs an improved general relativistic potential and gives comparable amplitudes to *Agile-BOLTZTRAN*, and hence nuGR1D.

(ii) The time when the silicon-oxygen interface (located at a baryonic mass coordinate of $1.43 M_\odot$ in model *s15WW95*) accretes through the shock, which is marked by a sharp drop in the ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosities, is earlier (at ~ 140 ms) in our simulations than in the simulations of Liebendörfer et al. (2005) (~ 180 ms in the *VERTEX* simulations⁵). We have carried out a number of tests to try to understand this difference. We have varied the zero point of the internal energy, which affects the relativistic enthalpy entering the momentum and energy equations and alters the collapse time. We have attempted different mappings of the presupernova stellar struc-

⁴ The numerical data from this study are available online at <http://iopscience.iop.org/0004-637X/620/2/840/fulltext/datafiles.tar.gz>

⁵ Such a sharp drop is not seen in the *Agile-BOLTZTRAN* results. Liebendörfer et al. (2005) attribute the lack of a sharp drop in the *Agile-BOLTZTRAN* results to the use of an adaptive grid, which introduces artificial diffusion and smears out sharp density features. Nevertheless, the slow decline of the ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosities begins around the same time as in the *VERTEX* simulations.

ture to our Eulerian grid, and we have tested variations in pre-collapse electron capture by parameterizing Y_e as a function of density in the collapse phase (Liebendörfer 2005). None of these tests led to a change of the postbounce time to silicon–oxygen interface accretion by more than ~ 10 ms.

Without currently having the modeling technology to test it, we suspect that the apparent difference may be due to the only other obvious difference between nuGR1D and VERTEX: our simplistic treatment of the EOS at low densities. Below a density of $6 \times 10^7 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, VERTEX replaces the nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE) EOS with an EOS that specifically depends on the composition of the matter. *Agile-BOLTZTRAN* assumes all matter below this density is silicon and burns it to NSE when the temperature reaches 0.44 MeV (Liebendörfer et al. 2005). In GR1D, as discussed in O’Connor & Ott (2010), we assume NSE compositions from the nuclear EOS. At densities below the validity regime of the nuclear EOS, we take the compositions at the lowest density point from the nuclear EOS and use the Timmes EOS (Timmes & Arnett 1999). For reference, the initial density of the silicon–oxygen interface is $0.4\text{--}1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, where the range represents the extent in density space.

(iii) The ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ root mean squared energies, predicted by nuGR1D agree very well with the Boltzmann transport results during the postbounce phase. The difference seen in the ν_x root mean squared energy is similar to that observed by Thompson (2002) and Lentz et al. (2012a) when investigating the effects of inelastic neutrino–electron scattering. In the postbounce evolution, this interaction is expected to predominantly affect the ν_x neutrino. We currently ignore this process in nuGR1D and note that the ν_x luminosity predicted by nuGR1D still agrees well with the full Boltzmann results.

(iv) Another difference between the evolution in nuGR1D and the full Boltzmann transport results arises in the collapse phase. The lack of velocity terms and inelastic $\nu_e - e^-$ scattering significantly effects the composition of the inner core. In simulations with inelastic $\nu_e - e^-$ scattering, neutrinos from electron capture on free protons down-scatter off of electrons to lower energies. Since the optical depth is lower, these neutrinos can then escape, deleptonizing the core. In our simulations, these high-energy neutrinos cannot down-scatter and therefore cannot escape. Deleptonization is suppressed until later phases, when central density and temperature are higher. The lack of velocity-dependent terms delays full trapping that would normally begin to occur at $\rho \gtrsim 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ until nuclear densities, allowing for further deleptonization. At bounce the central value of Y_e are ~ 0.22 compared to ~ 0.29 in VERTEX and *Agile-BOLTZTRAN*. The root mean squared ν_e energies predicted by nuGR1D are higher during the pre-bounce phase, because the neutrinos do not experience the down-scattering via inelastic neutrino–electron scattering.

We find that differences in the inner core structure and composition at bounce do not manifest themselves in the neutrino signal after the collapse phase. Therefore, for this study, we find the current version of nuGR1D to be acceptable, since our primary focus is the neutrino signal of the pre-explosion accretion phase. We do note, however, that the lack of energy-coupling terms in our transport can cause qualitative differences near black hole formation. When energy-coupling terms, such as gravitational redshift, are included, then the ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosities drop off at times very close to black hole formation, as seen in Fischer et al. (2009). This

TABLE 1
KEY NEUTRINO QUANTITIES

Model	$\xi_{1.75}$	$E_{400\text{ms}}^{\nu_e}/E_{400\text{ms}}^{\bar{\nu}_e}/E_{400\text{ms}}^{\nu_x}$	$N_{200\text{ms}}^{\text{ibd}}$	$N_{400\text{ms}}^{\text{ibd}}$
		[B]	LS220/HShen [10^3]	LS220/HShen [10^3]
s12	0.235	19.24 / 14.19 / 7.73	1.02 / 0.92	2.13 / 1.78
s13	0.383	22.18 / 16.58 / 8.76	1.25 / 1.09	2.53 / 2.07
s14	0.537	25.19 / 19.35 / 9.24	1.36 / 1.20	3.06 / 2.49
s15	0.580	25.51 / 19.59 / 9.17	1.30 / 1.16	3.13 / 2.59
s16	0.338	18.91 / 13.72 / 8.20	1.11 / 0.95	2.00 / 1.68
s17	0.383	19.93 / 14.54 / 8.57	1.20 / 1.02	2.13 / 1.78
s18	0.738	28.66 / 22.26 / 10.30	1.55 / 1.36	3.62 / 2.92
s19	0.544	23.36 / 17.49 / 9.37	1.43 / 1.23	2.67 / 2.18
s20	0.944	29.39 / 22.70 / 11.08	1.79 / 1.55	3.64 / 2.91
s21	0.325	18.48 / 13.41 / 8.09	1.04 / 0.91	1.95 / 1.65
s22	0.972	30.06 / 23.29 / 11.26	1.82 / 1.58	3.76 / 3.00
s23	1.256	42.00 / 33.88 / 14.68	2.29 / 2.00	5.99 / 4.67
s24	1.167	39.14 / 31.35 / 13.66	2.16 / 1.89	5.44 / 4.24
s25	1.040	32.30 / 25.28 / 11.87	1.93 / 1.68	4.15 / 3.28
s26	0.727	24.97 / 18.84 / 10.10	1.59 / 1.38	2.88 / 2.33
s27	0.783	25.67 / 19.45 / 10.21	1.61 / 1.40	3.01 / 2.42
s28	0.640	25.86 / 19.83 / 9.54	1.36 / 1.21	3.16 / 2.62
s29	0.556	23.24 / 17.38 / 9.43	1.45 / 1.22	2.64 / 2.17
s30	0.760	26.61 / 20.30 / 10.19	1.60 / 1.40	3.20 / 2.58
s31	0.687	25.23 / 19.09 / 9.95	1.56 / 1.35	2.96 / 2.40
s32	0.883	28.10 / 21.58 / 10.70	1.71 / 1.49	3.43 / 2.75
s33	0.965	30.36 / 23.57 / 11.28	1.82 / 1.58	3.82 / 3.04
s35	1.129	35.93 / 28.50 / 12.77	2.06 / 1.79	4.83 / 3.79
s40	1.328	48.32 / 39.45 / 17.51	2.49 / 2.21	7.23 / 5.75
s45	1.300	46.42 / 37.81 / 16.56	2.42 / 2.14	6.86 / 5.44
s50	0.701	25.60 / 19.42 / 10.00	1.57 / 1.32	3.02 / 2.45
s55	0.577	23.56 / 17.65 / 9.52	1.48 / 1.25	2.69 / 2.20
s60	0.461	21.52 / 15.88 / 9.07	1.33 / 1.12	2.36 / 1.95
s70	0.755	25.83 / 19.58 / 10.17	1.60 / 1.39	3.04 / 2.46
s80	0.591	23.75 / 17.80 / 9.63	1.48 / 1.26	2.71 / 2.22
s100	0.792	29.90 / 23.33 / 10.59	1.61 / 1.42	3.82 / 3.07
s120	0.474	22.31 / 16.64 / 9.02	1.33 / 1.15	2.52 / 2.07

NOTE. — For each model in the Woosley & Heger (2007) model set we show $\xi_{1.75}$, the cumulative emitted neutrino energy in ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ and a single ν_x at 400 ms after bounce. The numbers correspond to the models run with the LS220 EOS. We also present, for each model, the estimated number of IBD events in a Super-Kamiokande-like detector at 200 and 400 ms after bounce for a supernova at a fiducial galactic distance of 10 kpc for both EOS.

effect can be captured with GR1D’s leakage scheme in which it is trivial to include redshift terms (O’Connor & Ott 2010). Capturing redshift in an energy-dependent transport scheme requires energy-group coupling. We have also compared our M1 scheme to the results of Fischer et al. (2009) for the $40 M_\odot$ model from Woosley & Weaver (1995) using the LS180 EOS. In this model a black hole forms within 500 ms of bounce. We find differences in the ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosities of $\sim 10\text{--}20\%$ in the last ~ 50 ms, but good agreement in the early postbounce phase.

5. RESULTS

5.1. Trends in the Neutrino Observables

We perform core collapse and early postbounce evolutions of all 32 models introduced in §3 using both the LS220 and the HShen EOS. In Fig. 3 we present the three neutrino luminosities and average energies for each model and EOS as a function of postbounce time. We do not expect a clear trend in the neutrino observables with ZAMS mass. However, we do expect trends based on the presupernova structure of the star, which is well encapsulated by the compactness parameter introduced in §3. In the top set of panels we show simulations

run using the LS220 EOS. In the bottom panels, simulations performed with the HShen EOS are shown. To highlight that there is indeed a trend with presupernova structure, we color-code individual models according to their compactness parameter. The mapping between line color and $\xi_{1.75}$ is provided on the right. To more directly highlight the EOS dependence, we include the luminosity and average energies of two models run with the LS220 EOS in the HShen EOS panels with thick dashed lines. These models, *s12WH07* and *s40WH07*, have the lowest and highest compactness parameter in our model set, respectively.

We find that there is little variation in the peak luminosity of the ν_e neutronization burst signal. For all 32 models simulated using the LS220 (HShen) EOS, the peak amplitude varies by less than 3% (5%) from the average. This reflects the universal nature of the collapse of the inner core (Liebendörfer et al. 2002). After the neutronization burst, the postbounce luminosities of all species increase systematically with increasing compactness parameter. Models with higher $\xi_{1.75}$ have higher temperatures throughout the protoneutron star (O’Connor & Ott 2011). This increases the diffusive neutrino luminosity and is best seen in the ν_x luminosities. The postbounce accretion rate also increases with the compactness parameter. Higher accretion rates, and the deeper gravitational potential due to the higher protoneutron star mass, increase the accretion luminosity, which is most directly reflected in the ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ signals. After roughly 100 ms, the average energy of the emitted neutrinos also shows an increasing trend with the compactness parameter. The matter temperature at the neutrinosphere is higher in models with larger compactness, therefore a higher average neutrino energy is observed at infinity.

The neutrino luminosities and average energies from simulations using the HShen EOS are systematically lower than the luminosities and average energies from simulations of the same model run with the LS220 EOS. This is clearly seen in the bottom set of panels in Fig. 3: models *s12WH07*-LS220 and *s40WH07*-LS220 have luminosities and average energies that are comparable to or larger than in the corresponding HShen models. For a fixed accretion rate (or fixed progenitor model), the location of the neutrinosphere of each species influences the emitted luminosities and spectra. In models evolved with the stiff HShen EOS, the neutrinospheres are located systematically at larger radii and lower matter temperatures than in models run with the softer LS220 EOS. For example, in the *s12WH07* simulations, the Rosseland-mean ν_e neutrinospheres at 200 ms after bounce have radii and temperatures of ~ 35.3 km and ~ 4.86 MeV; and ~ 39.5 km and ~ 4.46 MeV for the LS220 and the HShen EOS, respectively. The larger neutrinosphere radii are responsible for the lower accretion luminosity since the latter is set essentially by the product of the mass accretion rate and the gravitational potential at the protoneutron star surface (Liebendörfer et al. 2002). The latter is located at larger radii in simulations using the HShen EOS. The differences in the neutrinosphere radii and temperatures between the LS220 and HShen EOS also give an explanation for the systematically lower average neutrino energies seen in the HShen simulations. Matter at larger radii has been compressed less and therefore is cooler. This leads to average neutrino energies that can be up to 5 MeV lower for the HShen EOS than for the LS220 EOS for the same progenitor model (see Fig. 3). The difference in the neutrino luminosities and average energies between the two EOS is largest for models with $\xi_{1.75} \gtrsim 1.2$, in

which the high accretion rates lead to the accumulation of $\sim 2 M_\odot$ of material inside the shock within ~ 200 – 300 ms of bounce. In the case of the LS220 EOS, this leads to very high temperatures throughout the protoneutron star as it becomes more and more compact and closer to gravitational collapse to a black hole. In our simulations, the most compact model *s40WH07* ($\xi_{1.75} = 1.33$, $\xi_{2.5} = 0.59$) forms a black hole 503 ms after bounce. The slightly less compact model *s45WH07* ($\xi_{1.75} = 1.30$, $\xi_{2.5} = 0.55$) forms a black hole 563 ms after bounce. The high temperatures present in the LS220 simulations at these times will not be obtained until postbounce times $\gtrsim 1$ s in models using the HShen EOS⁶.

Most neutrino detectors are most sensitive to the electron antineutrino luminosity through the dominant IBD interaction, $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$. In the left panel of Fig. 4, we consider the cumulative emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy for each model using the LS220 EOS. We color code the models based on their compactness parameter and include two reference models that use the HShen EOS, model *s12WH07* and model *s40WH07*. The graphs shown in this panel are the integral of the graphs shown in the top center panel of Fig. 3. It is obvious that the cumulative amount of $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy emitted during the preexplosion phase strongly correlates with the compactness of the progenitor model. For example, the amount of emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy from model *s40WH07* ($\xi_{1.75} = 1.33$) is *always* between two and three times of that of model *s12WH07* ($\xi_{1.75} = 0.24$). We make this point more quantitative in the center and right panels of Fig. 4. In the center (right) panel we plot the cumulative emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy at 100, 200, 300, and 400 ms after bounce for both EOS as a function of $\xi_{1.75}$ ($\xi_{2.5}$). For reference, we present a subset of these numbers in Table 1. We see a very clear correlation that depends only weakly on the chosen EOS. Note, however, that for models with small compactness parameter ($\xi_{1.75} \lesssim 0.8$), the correlation between the total emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy and the compactness parameter is not as strong after 400 ms of postbounce evolution. Comparing the center and right panels justifies our choice of $\xi_{1.75}$ over $\xi_{2.5}$ as explained in §3.

The onset of an explosion will break the correlation observed in Fig. 4. Once it is launched, the accretion luminosity effectively turns off and only the diffusion luminosity remains. One also expects this diffusion luminosity to show a correlation with the compactness of the progenitor, since the remnant protoneutron star’s thermodynamic conditions, such as the central entropy and its mass, are essentially set by the presupernova structure. However, it is currently unclear whether one should obtain a correlation between explosion time and the compactness parameter. Clarification will require a more complete understanding of the core-collapse supernova explosion mechanism and may require extensive parameter studies with fully self-consistent three-dimensional simulations.

5.2. Detectability

We use the publicly available software *SNOWGLOBES*⁷ to predict the neutrino signal observed in Earth-based neutrino

⁶ While we do not follow these models to black hole formation in our current study, in O’Connor & Ott (2011) we found that the black hole formation times of the *s40WH07* and *s45WH07* models are ~ 1.3 s and ~ 1.4 s, respectively, when using the HShen EOS.

⁷ available at <http://www.phy.duke.edu/~schol1/snowglobes>

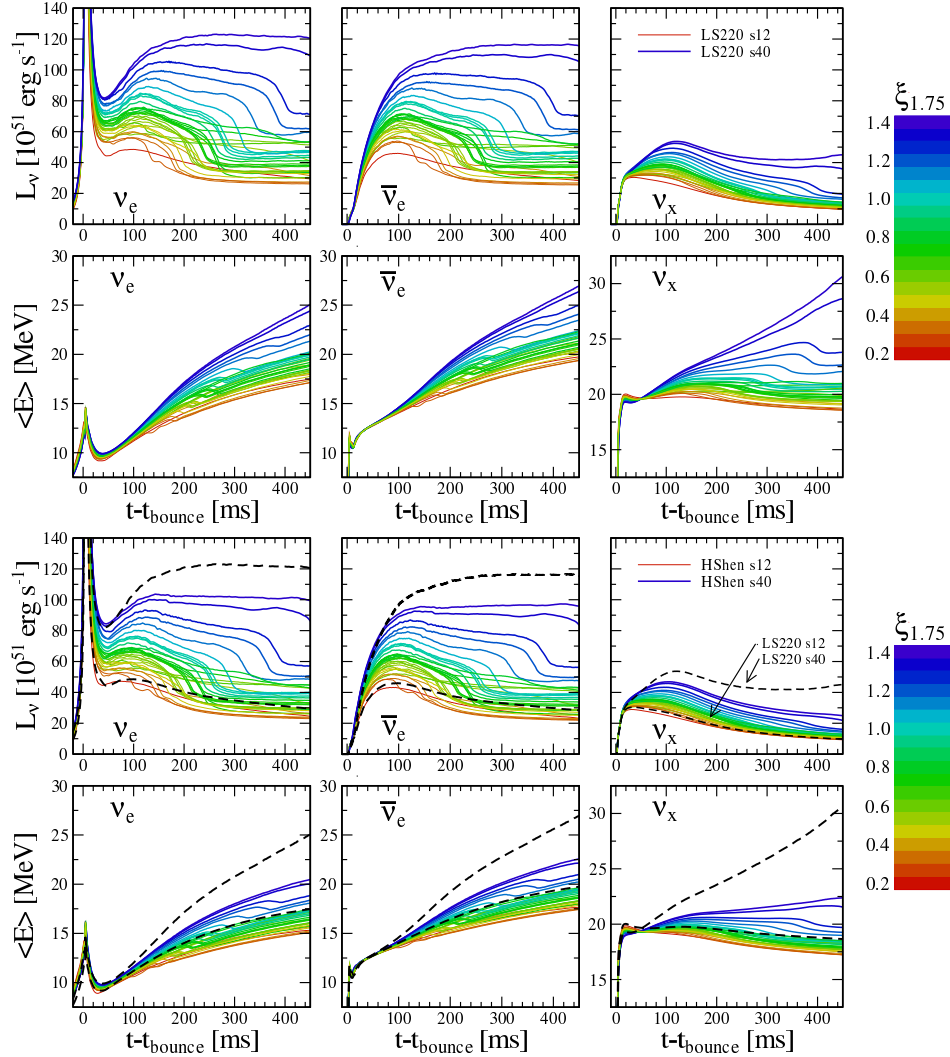


FIG. 3.— Neutrino luminosities (top panels) and average energies (bottom panels) plotted as a function of postbounce time for all 32 models of Woosley & Heger (2007). The top set of panels shows results obtained with the LS220 EOS. The bottom panel shows the same for the HShen EOS, but includes, for reference, two LS220 models: *s12WH07* and *s40WH07*. The left, center, and right panels show results for ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$, and ν_x , respectively. The curves are color- and line-weight-coded with increasing compactness ($\xi_{1.75}$), the mapping from color to compactness parameter is shown on the right. There is a clear trend in all luminosities and average energies with compactness parameter. The progenitor with the highest compactness, *s40WH07*, forms a black hole at 502 ms after bounce. None of these models explode, but the onset of an explosion in any of these models would lead to a sudden deep drop (strongest for ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$) in the luminosities and average energies (Fischer et al. 2010). The smaller drop observed for most models here is due to the sudden decrease of the accretion rate when the silicon–oxygen interface reaches the stalled shock.

detectors. SNOWGLOBES (Scholberg 2012), which in turn relies on GLOBES (Huber et al. 2005, 2007), is a set of routines that compute the interaction rates of supernova neutrinos in user-specified detector configurations. Variables include detector material (e.g., water, scintillator, argon, and lead), detector volume, detector response functions, and a host of relevant neutrino interactions. For this investigation, we consider only IBD events in a water Cherenkov detector. We choose a detector mass of 32 kT, the mass of water in Super-Kamiokande that is sensitive to core-collapse supernova neutrinos (Scholberg 2012). For reference, we use the `wc100kt30prct` smearing rates and efficiencies provided with SNOWGLOBES. We construct SNOWGLOBES initial fluence data from our simulations binned in 5 ms intervals. We provide these energy-dependent fluences at <http://www.stellarcollapse.org/M1prog> for all models, neutrino species, and both EOS in 5 ms intervals up to 450 ms after bounce. We assume a fiducial galactic supernova distance of 10 kpc. In Fig. 5, we show the cumulative number

of events for each model run with the LS220 EOS and, for reference, two models run with the HShen EOS. The lines are color-coded according to compactness parameter. Note that the vertical scale in this figure is in thousands of events. We note that our answers agree with the total number of expected events in Super-Kamiokande from a galactic core-collapse supernova at 10 kpc, which is estimated to be ~ 7000 (Scholberg 2012). To arrive at this number from our results, consider the lowest ZAMS mass progenitor in our model set, model *s12WH07*. After 450 ms of evolution, 15 B of $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy has been radiated (Fig. 4), which corresponds to 2000 IBD events (Fig. 5). For 50 B of released energy ($\sim 1/6$ of 300 B, the fiducial energy released in neutrinos over the entire cooling phase), one would then expect ~ 7000 events. However, as is clear from Fig. 5, the number of events from the next galactic supernova may be higher than this fiducial number. More importantly, the rate of events in the preexplosion phase will give us detailed information on the progenitor core structure.

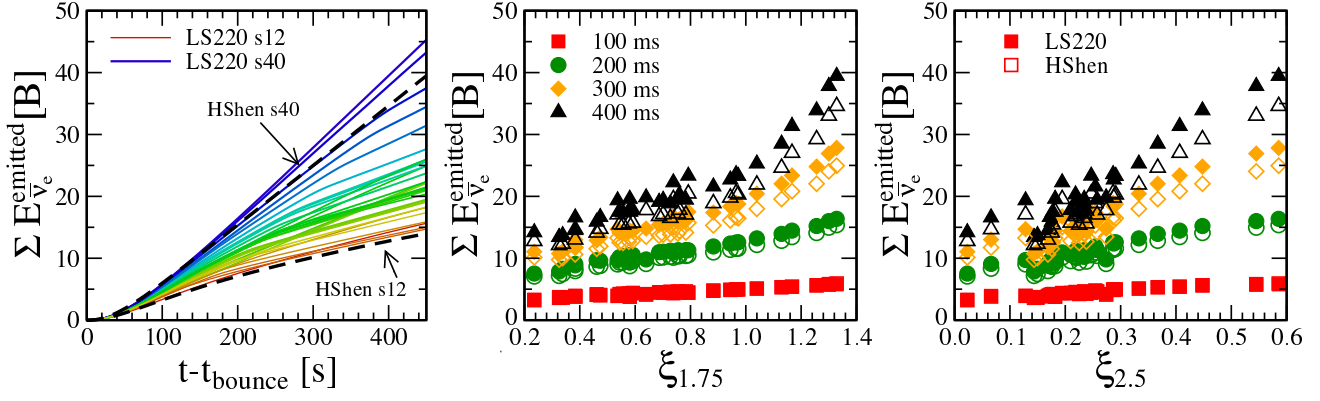


FIG. 4.— Cumulative emitted electron antineutrino energy. We show the cumulative totals via several methods. In the left panel we show time series data for each of the 32 models of Woosley & Heger (2007) run with the LS220 EOS. The color coding corresponds to the value of $\xi_{1.75}$ and is given in Fig. 3. This cumulative energy is the time integral of the top-center panel of Fig. 3. The dashed black lines correspond to models *s12WH07* and *s40WH07* run with the HShen EOS. In the center and right panels we present the emitted energy at select postbounce times, for each model and EOS, plotted versus the compactness $\xi_{1.75}$ (center panel) and $\xi_{2.5}$ (right panel) of the model.

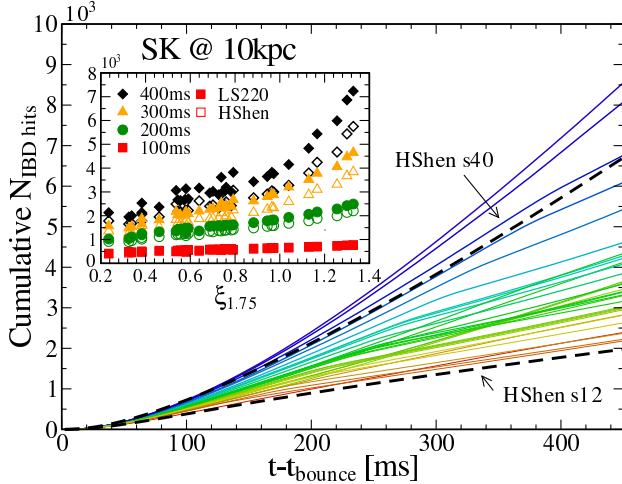


FIG. 5.— Cumulative IBD events in a Super-Kamiokande-like water Cherenkov detector at a fiducial galactic distance of 10 kpc versus postbounce time. We use the *SNOWGLOBES* package to determine the integrated IBD event rate in a 32 kT water Cherenkov detector at 10 kpc. The color coding corresponds to the value of $\xi_{1.75}$ and is provided in Fig. 3. The dashed lines are results for models *s12WH07* and *s40WH07* run with the HShen EOS. In the inset we show the cumulative IBD hits as a function of $\xi_{1.75}$ for each model and EOS at four postbounce times: 100, 200, 300, and 400 ms.

In order to more directly quantify the differences between variations in progenitor compactness and variations in the nuclear EOS, we plot in the inset of Fig. 5 the number of expected IBD events in a Super-Kamiokande-like water Cherenkov detector at various postbounce times versus $\xi_{1.75}$. There is a well defined trend: The number of IBD events detected in the first 100, 200, 300, and 400 ms increases with the compactness parameter of the models. For reference, we include the expected number of events at 200 and 400 ms for both EOS in Table 1. We find that the EOS dependence of the expected number of events is similar to the EOS dependence of the total emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy: the HShen EOS leads to a lower number of events (compare the inset of Fig. 5 to the center panel of Fig. 4). The dependence on EOS is somewhat stronger here, since the lower average $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy predicted from stiffer EOS translates into a reduced cross section in Earth-based detectors. In addition to the total number of events, a water Cherenkov detector measures individual energies, and thus, allows for the reconstruction of the cumulative emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy over time. This reconstruction will depend

on the detector's response function and efficiency.

An additional independent path to experimentally probing the inner structure of the progenitor is via the total neutrino energy emitted in all species over the first 10s of seconds after the initial collapse. This method requires a measurement of the total fluence of neutrinos of all species, not just electron antineutrinos. An example of a neutrino interaction capable of relaying such information is the mono-energetic de-excitation of a neutral-current neutrino-excitation of ^{12}C (Scholberg 2012). Such a measurement would require good energy resolution and a significant source of carbon, for example, a liquid scintillator neutrino detector. We note that even with a liquid scintillator detector, the dominant neutrino interaction is still IBD (Scholberg 2012).

If such a measurement was made, and there is not a significant amount of rotation (see the discussion on rotation in §5.3), one can immediately infer the gravitational binding energy of the remnant, since neutrinos carry away the vast majority ($\sim 99\%^8$) of the gravitational binding energy. For typical nuclear EOS like the ones considered here, this results in a one-to-one mapping of the released gravitational binding energy to the baryonic mass of the remnant, and, hence, the gravitational mass of the remnant. This is most easily seen by fitting the gravitational binding energy of a cold ($T=0.1$ MeV), neutrino-less β -equilibrium, non-rotating neutron star to its baryonic mass. From cold neutron star TOV solutions using the LS220 EOS one can obtain an empirical fit to better than 3% above a baryonic mass of $1.15 M_\odot$,

$$E_{\text{binding}} \sim 1.12 \times 10^{53} (M_{\text{bary}}/M_\odot)^2 \text{ ergs}. \quad (13)$$

A similar fit for the HShen EOS gives,

$$E_{\text{binding}} \sim 9.78 \times 10^{52} (M_{\text{bary}}/M_\odot)^2 \text{ ergs}, \quad (14)$$

and is accurate to 5% above baryonic masses of $1.15 M_\odot$. Below $M_{\text{bary}} = 1.15 M_\odot$, the empirical quadratic fit is not as accurate. However, all models considered here reach a baryonic protoneutron star mass of $1.15 M_\odot$ within ~ 10 ms of bounce. Hence, we believe that the above fits are acceptable for the iron-core core collapse events considered here.

⁸ The remaining $\sim 1\%$ of the energy is predominantly shared among the kinetic energy of the explosion, the original binding energy of the unbound stellar mantle, and the binding energy of the iron core at the onset of collapse.

We now make the assumption that an explosion launched at a particular postbounce time will result in a neutron star remnant with a baryonic mass equal to the baryonic mass that has accreted through the shock up until the time of the explosion. This neglects any late-time fallback of material onto the protoneutron star which would lead to additional neutrino emission. Fryer (2009) and Ugliano et al. (2012) predict fallback masses $\lesssim 5\text{--}10\%$ of the initial protoneutron star remnant mass. We also neglect any asymmetric mass accretion which may occur in the early explosion phase. In Fig. 6, we convert the baryonic mass enclosed by the shock to the *total* emitted neutrino energy using Equations 13 and 14. We plot this for all progenitor models (run with the LS220 EOS) as a function of the hypothetical time of explosion. As a concrete example, consider the situation where 300 B (shown as the dashed line in Fig. 6) of total neutrino energy was observational inferred. This could correspond (i) to a progenitor with a high compactness parameter that exploded at an early time, e.g., model *s40WH07* at 70 ms or (ii) to a low progenitor with low compactness parameter that exploded at late times, e.g., model *s12WH07* at 400 ms. If we have an estimate of the explosion time, e.g., via characteristic features in the neutrino observables, then we can use the combined measurement to probe the progenitor core structure. This is further quantified in Fig. 7, where we choose three total emitted neutrino energies, 250, 300, and 350 B, and determine the time at which the explosion must have been launched for a given compactness and the respective total emitted energy. We plot this explosion time versus $\xi_{1.75}$ for all models and both EOS. In general, for a fixed total emitted energy, as the compactness parameter of the progenitor increases, the explosion time must decrease. For progenitors with high $\xi_{1.75}$ ($\gtrsim 0.8$), there is a clear mapping between the explosion time and the compactness parameter, given a specific total emitted neutrino energy and an EOS. As was the case for the total IBD rates, there is some scatter at low $\xi_{1.75}$ ($\lesssim 0.8$), but there is still an overall trend.

Fig. 7 shows that there is a very strong EOS dependence. While the baryonic mass inside the shock as a function of postbounce time does not vary strongly with EOS, the gravitational binding energy released does. Based on the above empirical fits to the gravitational binding energy, the LS220 EOS leads to $\sim 14\%$ more energy release than the HShen EOS for the same baryonic mass. This method of determining the compactness parameter (by combining an estimate of the explosion time and the total emitted neutrino energy) can be used together with the methods described above (using the postbounce, preexplosion IBD rates) as a consistency check, or to break degeneracies, which we will discuss next in §5.3.

5.3. Degeneracies in Neutrino Observables

There are a number of degeneracies and uncertainties that may prevent fully conclusive statements regarding the mapping from detected signal to progenitor core structure. These include, nuclear EOS, rotation, viewing angle, distance, and neutrino oscillations (including collective oscillations). We will discuss each one of these consecutively and independently, although all may be relevant in a generic situation.

Nuclear EOS: We have already briefly explored the dependence of the neutrino observables on the nuclear EOS by taking two very different EOS and comparing the emitted neutrino signal. The total number of events predicted to be de-

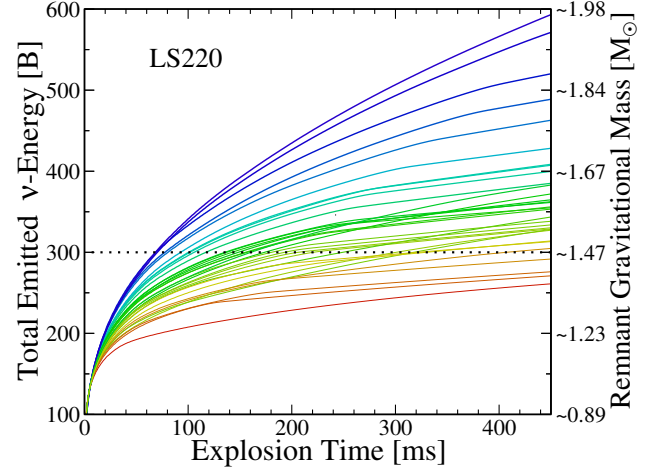


FIG. 6.— Total emitted neutrino energy estimated from the enclosed baryonic mass as a function of explosion time for the LS220 EOS. A measurement of the total emitted neutrino energy and an estimate of the explosion time constrains progenitor structure. For reference, we provide the cold neutron star gravitational mass associated with the released binding energy on the right ordinate. This figure is constructed using a fit of the gravitational binding energy of a cold neutron star to its baryonic mass, $E_{\nu}^{\text{total}} \sim 1.12 \times 10^{53} (M_{\text{bary}}/M_{\odot})^2$ ergs, and the baryonic mass enclosed in the shock at any given time. This defines the explosion time to be, in a Lagrangian sense, the time at which the outermost final neutron star mass element accretes through the shock. The color coding corresponds to $\xi_{1.75}$, the color coding is provided in Fig. 3.

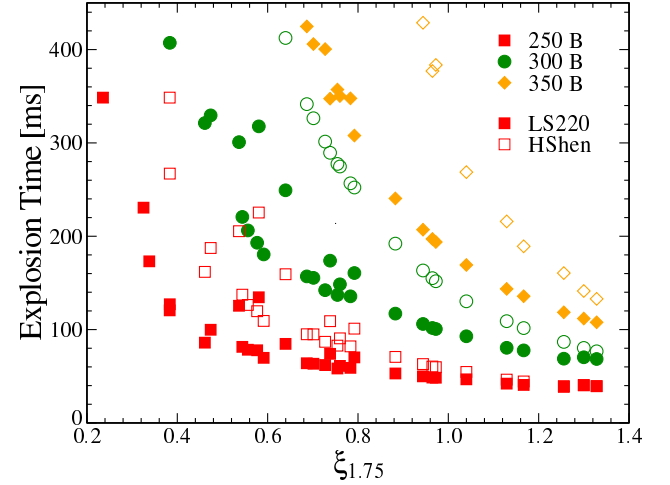


FIG. 7.— Explosion time for various progenitors and EOS, under the constraint of a fixed amount of released neutrino energy. We show three values of the total released energy, 250, 300, and 350 B. Progenitors with high compactness must explode at earlier times to achieve the same total amount of released energy in neutrinos when compared to a progenitor with a lower compactness. The strong EOS dependence is due to the different binding energies resulting from the two EOS. The LS220 EOS leads to a more compact neutron star, releasing $\sim 14\%$ energy for a given baryonic mass.

tected from a given progenitor model varies with EOS (cf., Fig. 5) in such a way that a high compactness model paired with the HShen EOS produces the same number of events as a model with a slightly lower compactness paired with a softer EOS, like the LS220. Hence, there is a clear degeneracy between the progenitor compactness and the equation of state. However, a water Cherenkov detector will not only detect a given number of IBD events, but also their energy distribution. From this distribution, and the detector response, one can work backwards to reconstruct both the emitted average

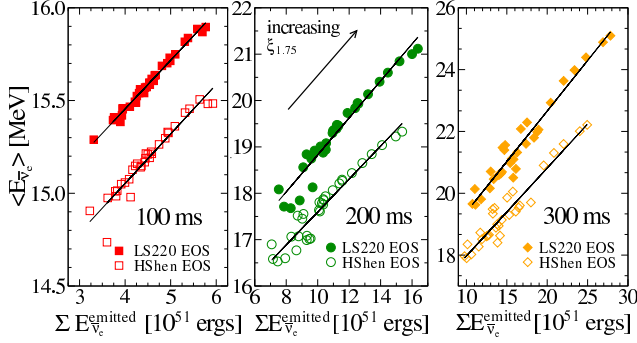


FIG. 8.— Average $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy versus cumulative emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy each EOS and progenitor. This is shown for three postbounce times, 100 ms (left panel); 200 ms (center panel); and 300 ms (right panel). Solid (open) points correspond to the LS220 (HShen) EOS. The degeneracy between EOS and cumulative $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy is broken when the average energy is taken into account. We find that is a robust prediction across all progenitors and postbounce preexplosion times.

$\bar{\nu}_e$ energy and the luminosity. We show in Fig. 8 how knowledge of the emitted energy spectrum can break the degeneracy with cumulative emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy and EOS, provided the distance to the core collapse event is known (see the discussion of distance uncertainties later in this section). For each model and EOS, we plot the average $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy as a function of cumulative emitted $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy at three select postbounce times: 100, 200, and 300 ms. The data from each of the 32 progenitors fall on a unique line that is parameterized by the compactness. Provided large enough statistics, this allows to break the EOS-progenitor degeneracy.

Rotation and Viewing Angle: The effect of rotation on the neutrino signal may be more difficult to disentangle from the effects of progenitor structure. To explore the effect of rotation, we perform 1.5D simulations of rotating core collapse. These simulations treat rotation in a spherically symmetric way, using ‘shellular rotation’ (Thompson et al. 2005; O’Connor & Ott 2010). This approximation only captures the spherically-averaged centrifugal effect of rotation on the matter. As the amount of rotation is increased, the protoneutron star becomes more and more centrifugally supported. Increased rotation leads to lower densities and temperatures throughout the protoneutron star. This in turn effects the neutrino signal. In Fig. 9, we plot the $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosities and average $\bar{\nu}_e$ energies determined from nuGR1D for 12 rotating core collapse simulations. We use model *s15WH07* paired with the LS220 EOS. The initial rotation rate is assigned via (O’Connor & Ott 2011)

$$j(r) = j_{16,\infty} \left[1 + \left(\frac{A_{M_\odot}}{r} \right)^2 \right]^{-1} \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad (15)$$

where A_{M_\odot} is the radius that encloses $1 M_\odot$, which for the *s15WH07* progenitor is 703 km, and $j_{16,\infty}$ is the specific angular momentum at infinity, in units of $10^{16} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. We vary $j_{16,\infty}$ from 0 to 3 in increments of 0.25. For the *s15WH07* progenitor, the initial central angular velocity is $\Omega_c = 2.03 j_{16,\infty} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$, giving a range of Ω_c from 0 to 6.08 rad s^{-1} . At bounce, the $j_{16,\infty} = 1, \Omega_c = 2.03 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ model has a rotation period of $\sim 2.4 \text{ ms}$, which decreases nearly linearly with increasing initial $j_{16,\infty}$. Increased rotation leads to the overall reduction of both the $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosity and average energy. For example, with $\Omega_c = 0, 2.03, 4.05$, and 6.08 rad s^{-1} the $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosity at 100 ms is $\sim 55, \sim 52, \sim 40$,

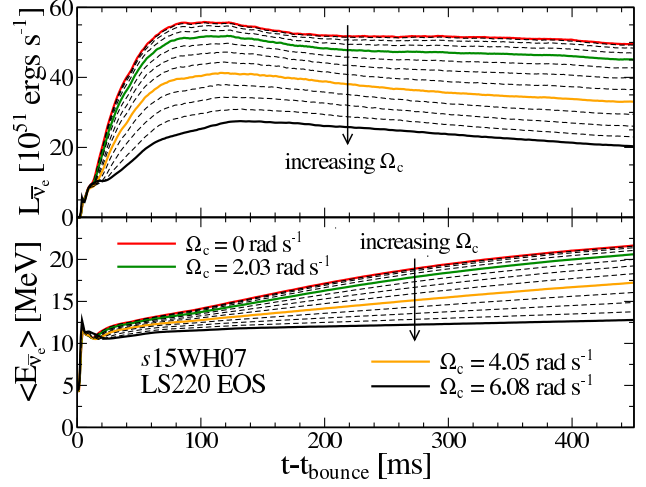


FIG. 9.— Luminosities (top panel) and average energies (bottom panel) from 1.5D rotating core collapse simulations of model *s15WH07* for various initial central angular velocities. We assign angular momentum to the *s15WH07* progenitor via Equation 15 with values of $j_{16,\infty}$ ranging from 0 to 3 in 0.25 increments. This gives initial central rotation rates of 0 to $\sim 6.08 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ in increments of $\sim 0.51 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$. In our simulations, increased rotation lowers both the neutrino luminosity and the average energy.

and $\sim 25 \text{ B s}^{-1}$, respectively. While we do not show the ν_e and ν_x luminosities and average energies, they follow the $\bar{\nu}_e$ trends. The only exception to this is the ν_e neutronization burst where rotation in our 1.5D approach does not significantly alter the ν_e luminosity. Our 1.5D approach to rotation does not capture the anisotropy of the neutrino emission, rather just the angle-averaged value. Ott et al. (2008) considered a model with an initial rotation rate of $\pi \text{ rad s}^{-1}$, roughly corresponding to our $j_{16,\infty} = 1.5$ model. They found that the ratio of polar to equatorial luminosity can be as large as 3–4 and that average neutrino energies in polar regions can be harder by $\sim 1\text{--}2 \text{ MeV}$ than on the equator. We find that it is not possible with the cumulative neutrino signals alone to break the degeneracy between rotation and the progenitor star–EOS combinations. The angle-averaged $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosity and average energy from a rotating system mimic the $\bar{\nu}_e$ luminosity and average energy from a non-rotating system with a progenitor with lower compactness and/or a stiffer EOS. In addition, the rotational energy stored in the neutron star remnant can lead to an underestimate of the total emitted neutrino energy, again mimicking a lower-compactness progenitor and/or a stiffer EOS. However, all hope is not lost: stellar evolution and current constraints on pulsar birth spins (e.g., Heger et al. 2005; Ott et al. 2006) suggest that most massive stars will be spinning too slowly for rotation to have a strong effect on dynamics and neutrino signal. Heger et al. (2005), for example, predict a presupernova rotation rate of 0.2 rad s^{-1} for a $15 M_\odot$ star, which is smaller than all rotation rates considered here. If, on the other hand, the progenitor is rapidly spinning, the degeneracy in the neutrino signal may be broken by coincident observations in gravitational waves that are able to constrain the rotation rate of the collapse core (Ott et al. 2012).

Distance: If the electromagnetic signal is blocked, by, for example, the galactic center, we may not be able to obtain a reliable distance to the supernova. The $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux at Earth follows an inverse square law, while the spectral distribution will not change over the distances of relevance. This means that degeneracy with distance is also hard to break with the IBD neutrino signal alone for the following reason: A high-

compactness progenitor at a large distance can produce the same energy-integrated flux at Earth as a low-compactness progenitor. Less neutrinos are emitted in the latter but the flux has not been diluted as much due to the closer distance. If the nuclear EOS is not known, the observed neutrino flux and energy spectra could be associated with a range of nuclear EOS–distance combinations. A progenitor at a large distance could produce the same neutrino flux and energy distribution as a lower-compactness progenitor with a softer EOS. Here, the softer EOS, which will give rise to an increased average energy, compensates for the decrease in the average energy produced by the smaller compactness.

Future constraints on the nuclear EOS could break this degeneracy since one could more reliably associate an observed energy distribution with a particular progenitor compactness (Fig. 3). This may even provide a distance estimate, as would a detection of the neutronization burst signal (Kachelrieß et al. 2005). It does not show a strong dependence on the progenitor model, but is difficult to detect since the ν_e cross sections in water Cherenkov detectors are much lower than the IBD cross section, resulting in few events. Some detector materials have significantly larger ν_e cross sections and would be better suited to detect the neutronization burst, such as liquid argon (Scholberg 2012) and lead (Duba et al. 2008).

Neutrino Oscillations: First, considering only matter-induced neutrino oscillations, in the inverted mass hierarchy, the electron antineutrino signal at Earth is a composite spectrum of $\cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sim 70\%$ of the original $\bar{\nu}_e$ neutrinos and $\sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sim 30\%$ of the original $\bar{\nu}_x$ spectrum, where θ_{12} is the mixing angle between the mass eigenstates 1 and 2. In the normal neutrino mass hierarchy, the entire $\bar{\nu}_e$ signal is replaced with the original $\bar{\nu}_x = \nu_x$ signal (Dighe & Smirnov 2000). In either case, we still expect the total number of IBD events to increase with the compactness parameter of the progenitor since both the $\bar{\nu}_e$ and the ν_x luminosity increase. If the hierarchy of the neutrino mass eigenstates is not determined by neutrino experiments before the next nearby core-collapse supernova, the early postbounce, preexplosion neutrino luminosities may provide an answer (Kachelrieß et al. 2005; Serpico et al. 2012). This relies on the systematically different rise times of the ν_x and $\bar{\nu}_e$ signals.

Much more troublesome are the collective neutrino oscillations that arise from coherent neutrino-neutrino forward scattering. Collective oscillations are very sensitive to the energy spectra (both the distribution and magnitude) of all neutrino flavors and the background matter density. Since the governing equations are highly non-linear, there are currently no simple analytic expressions predicting the neutrino signal at Earth based on the output of core-collapse simulations. Recent studies suggest that during the early postbounce, preexplosion phase, collective neutrino oscillations may be suppressed (Chakraborty et al. 2011b,a; Sarikas et al. 2012), however the community has not yet reached consensus, see, e.g., Cherry et al. (2012) and Dasgupta et al. (2012).

6. DISCUSSION

The next nearby core-collapse supernova will be extremely well observed in neutrinos. Super-Kamiokande alone will observe ~ 7000 electron antineutrinos from a typical core-collapse supernova at a fiducial galactic distance of 10 kpc. Future detectors of the scale of the proposed Hyper-

Kamiokande may see in excess of 10^5 events. Such high-statistics observations will provide rich information on the neutrino signal. Comparison with theoretical model predictions will allow to falsify or constrain a broad range of hypotheses in core-collapse supernova astrophysics and nuclear/neutrino physics. Unexpected signal features may lead to the discovery of new physics.

In this study, our focus has been on the imprint of the progenitor star’s structure on the neutrino signal in the postbounce preexplosion phase of core-collapse supernovae. We have carried out a large set of spherically-symmetric radiation-hydrodynamics simulations of core collapse and the early postbounce phase with the goal of studying trends in the neutrino signal with variations in progenitor structure.

Our results show, in agreement with previous work (e.g., Burrows & Mazurek 1983; Liebendörfer et al. 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004; Thompson et al. 2003; Kachelrieß et al. 2005; Buras et al. 2006; Serpico et al. 2012), that the ν_e signal from the neutronization burst emerging shortly after bounce has very little progenitor dependence, due to the universal nature of homologous inner core collapse.

The neutrino signal in the postbounce preexplosion phase is determined primarily by the accretion luminosity of outer iron core, silicon shell, and oxygen shell material. The postbounce accretion rate depends on the inner structure of the progenitor at the presupernova stage. Our results show that preexplosion neutrino signal has an essentially monotonic dependence on progenitor structure described by a single parameter, the compactness $\xi_M \propto M/R(M)$ (where M is a typical baryonic mass reaching the center over the timescale of interest). The greater a progenitor’s ξ_M , the higher are the emitted luminosities and average energies of all neutrino species. Scaling in the same way is the total emitted energy in neutrinos over the entire protoneutron star cooling phase for a given explosion time at which accretion is shut off. These trends are robust and independent of the nuclear EOS. They are also rather insensitive to the particular choice of the reference mass M in ξ_M as long as it is in the range of typical neutron star baryonic masses ($\sim 1.4 - 2.5 M_\odot$) and we find $\xi_{1.75}$ to be a good choice.

The monotonic dependence of the preexplosion neutrino emission on progenitor compactness translates directly to the neutrino signal observed by detectors, provided collective neutrino oscillations do not lead to complicated swaps of flavor spectra that brake the dependence of the observed signal on progenitor structure. Neutrino observations of the next nearby core collapse event thus may, in principle, allow quantitative constraints on the inner structure of the progenitor star. As an example with real neutrino data, we consider the early postbounce neutrino signal observed from SN 1987A by the Kamiokande-II experiment (Hirata et al. 1987). Of the eleven events that were observed, the first four events occurred within 323 ms of each other. All events observed by Kamiokande-II are consistent with being IBD events (Hirata et al. 1987). We assume that the first event occurs at the onset of the postbounce phase, although the actual bounce time is likely somewhat earlier. In Fig. 10, we plot the cumulative number of events observed from SN 1987A in the first 500 ms along with the SNOWGLOBES prediction from our simulations with the LS220 EOS using a 2.14 kT water Cherenkov detector at 51.47 kpc. We use the efficiencies quoted in Burrows (1988) and the smearing matrices from the SNOWGLOBES detector configuration `wc100kt30prct`. To show the full

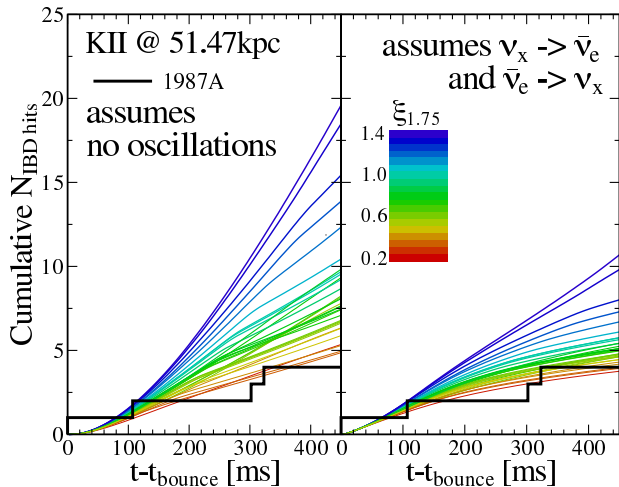


FIG. 10.— Predictions of the cumulative IBD hits in Kamiokande-II for a core-collapse event at 51.47 kpc. The left panel assumes no neutrino oscillations, while the right panel assumes a swapping of the $\bar{\nu}_e$ and ν_x spectra. The color coded lines denote different progenitors and are generated with `SNOWGLOBES` based on our simulations with the LS220 EOS. More details are provided in the text. We overlay the cumulative hits observed in Kamiokande-II from SN 1987A, assuming the first event denotes the time of core-bounce.

range of the possible effects of MSW neutrino oscillations, we show the expected number of events assuming no oscillations and assuming a complete switch of the $\bar{\nu}_e$ and ν_x spectra (as would be the case in the normal mass hierarchy; the inverted hierarchy is a combination of these two signals). While the quantitative results obviously depend on neutrino oscillation details, the qualitative trend with ξ_M is unbroken. Comparing our predictions with the events observed from SN 1987A one notes (but must keep the very small-number statistics in mind) that either the explosion must have occurred early in the postbounce phase and/or the progenitor must have had a relatively low $\xi_{1.75}$, which is broadly consistent with the previous work of Bruenn (1987) and Burrows (1988). It is also not inconsistent with the proposed ZAMS mass of $\sim 18\text{--}20 M_\odot$ for Sanduleak $-69^\circ 202$ (e.g., Woosley et al. 2002), the blue supergiant progenitor star of SN 1987A. However, the mapping between ZAMS mass and stellar structure (i.e., compactness) at the presupernova stage appears to be highly non-monotonic (cf. Fig. 1; Woosley et al. 2002; Woosley & Heger 2007). This makes it very difficult to link the observed neutrino signal to ZAMS mass without additional constraints from classical astronomical observations in the electromagnetic spectrum.

In the discussion of SN 1987A, we have ignored uncertainties regarding nuclear EOS, rotation of the progenitor core, distance, and collective neutrino oscillations. All affect the preexplosion neutrino signature in ways that may be degenerate with variations in the compactness parameter. However, as we have shown, large variations in the stiffness of the nuclear EOS in the density and temperature regime relevant in the preexplosion phase can be disentangled from ξ_M via observations of the emitted neutrino spectrum. Rapid rotation, which decreases both (angle-averaged) luminosities and average neutrino energies, can be constrained by gravitational wave observations of a galactic event (e.g., Ott et al. 2012). Distance uncertainties from electromagnetic observations, which translate into uncertainties in the absolute luminosities, can be reduced by exploiting the generic neutronization burst as a standard candle (Kachelrieß et al. 2005). Collective neutrino oscillations are not yet fully understood and have not been di-

rectly incorporated in neutrino radiation-hydrodynamics simulations. They may lead to one or multiple energy-dependent swaps of spectra between flavors and could thus complicate the mapping between neutrino signal and compactness parameter. However, the recent understanding suggests that collective oscillations may not be significant in the preexplosion phase (Chakraborty et al. 2011b,a; Sarikas et al. 2012; but: Cherry et al. 2012 and Dasgupta et al. 2012).

Our goal with this study was to highlight overall trends of the preexplosion neutrino signal with progenitor structure in the limit of spherical symmetry. We expect these overall trends to be robust and to carry over to the multi-dimensional case. We did not aim at making precise and robust quantitative predictions for any individual model. These are not possible with our current spherically-symmetric radiation-hydrodynamics treatment, which neglects inelastic scattering, redshift and velocity dependent terms (e.g., Lentz et al. 2012a,b). Rotation is included only in an angle-averaged manner and other important multi-dimensional dynamics, in particular convection and the standing-accretion shock instability (Buras et al. 2006; Ott et al. 2008; Marek & Janka 2009; Marek et al. 2009; Lund et al. 2010; Brandt et al. 2011; Ott et al. 2012), cannot be captured. Future work to remove these limitations will be necessary to produce the reliable signal predictions necessary for drawing quantitative conclusions from neutrino observations of the next nearby core-collapse supernova. However, even with fully realistic and complete simulation codes, large parameter studies will be necessary to account for prevailing uncertainties in the nuclear EOS and/or neutrino interaction physics.

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